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SUBJ:EXHIBIT: PHOTOGRAPHY USA

- 1. CHAMBER OFFICIAL DURING INFORMAL LUNCHEON APRIL 6 FOR DEPARTING TAH DIRECTOR CLEARLY STATED LENINGRAD OUT OF RUNNING AS OPENING CITY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY USA, WITH KIEV AS NOW-FIRM SITE FOR JULY OPENING.
- 2. AFTER PRODDING BY AMERICAN SIDE, CHAMBER ADMITTED THAT DECISION NOT TO PERMIT EXHIBIT TO OPEN IN LENIN-GRAD MADE AT QUOTE VERY HIGH UNQUOTE LEVEL IN LENIN-GRAD PARTY ORGANIZATION. THIS CONFIRMED BY MFA REPRE-SENTATIVE ALSO PRESENT AT LUNCHEON. POSITION IS THAT LENINGRAD DOES NOT WISH QUOTE TO BE BURDENED BY EXTRA EXHIBITS, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN ONES UNQUOTE, SHORTLY AFTER TAH SHOWING AND IN WHAT DESCRIBED AS EXTREMELY BUSY YEAR LEADING UP TO CELEBRATION OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION IN FALL OF 1977. QUESTION REMAINS WHETHER EXHIBIT WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW IN LENINGRAD AT ALL DURING SIX-CITY RUN.
- 3. CHAMBER INDICATED ACCEPTANCE BY KIEV OF ROLE AS FIRST CITY FOR EXHIBIT MADE AT LEVEL OF UKRAINIAN CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND THAT UKRAINIAN CAPITAL LOOK-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFG FORWARD TO WELCOMING EXHIBIT. EMBASSY WILL ACCEPT

KIEV OPENING.

4.AS OF THIS DATE, ONOY TWO CITEIS CAN BE CONSIDERED FIRM FOR PHOTOGRAPHY USA: KIEV AS LEAD-OFF CITY WITH ALMA-ATA FOLLOWING. CHAMBER REPORTS SEVERE DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING SUITABLE SITE IN NOVOSIBIRSK. WITH FIRM COMMITTMENTS NEEDED IN NEAREST FUTURE TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT, NOVOSIBIRSK MAY ALSO BE FALLING OUT OF PICTURE. MOSCOW SUITABLE ONLY FOR SECOND GROUP OF THREE CITIES DUE TO BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT TAKING PLACE IN FALL MONTHS. WILL BE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS, AND EXPECT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN LATE THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.

5. NOVAK LEAVING MOSCOW NIGHT OF APRIL 7 FOR SITE SURVEY IN ALMA-ATA. NEED CONFIRMATION BY CABLE SOONEST ON EXTENSION NOVAK TRAVEL ORDERS TO APRIL 20. STOESSEL

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